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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/434,559	11/12/1999	TOM LEE SORESENSEN	DF-7141	4098

TITLE OF INVENTION: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING, RETRIEVING, AND USING DATA GUIDE INFORMATION SUPPLIED IN A DIGITAL VESTIGIAL SIDEBAND SIGNAL

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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Determination of Patent Term Extension under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)
(application filed after June 7, 1995 but prior to May 29, 2000)

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If a reply to a "Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due" is filed in the Office on or after January 1, 2003, then the amount due will be higher than that set forth in the "Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due" since there will be an increase in fees effective on January 1, 2003. See Revision of Patent and Trademark Fees for Fiscal Year 2003; Final Rule, 67 Fed. Reg. 70847, 70849 (November 27, 2002).

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/434,559

Examiner

Michael W. Hoyer

Applicant(s)

SORENSEN, TOM LEE

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment A filed on 1/29/03 and Amendment B filed on 2/10/03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-24.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 01 February 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the top margin (not the back) of each sheet. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____ |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____ | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see Amendment responsive to October 23, 2002 Office Action, on pg. 7, lines 17-21 and pg. 8, lines 3-4, filed January 29, 2003, with respect to independent claim 1 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claim 1 has been withdrawn.
2. Applicant's arguments, see Amendment responsive to October 23, 2002 Office Action, on pg. 9, lines 14-21, filed January 29, 2003, with respect to independent claim 10 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claim 10 has been withdrawn.
3. Applicant's arguments, see Amendment responsive to October 23, 2002 Office Action, on pg. 10, lines 14-17 and lines 20-24, filed January 29, 2003, with respect to independent claim 18 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claim 18 has been withdrawn.
4. Applicant's arguments, see Amendment responsive to October 23, 2002 Office Action, on pg. 11, line 9 - pg. 12, line 6, filed January 29, 2003, with respect to independent claim 22 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claim 22 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1-24 are allowed.

As for independent claim 1, the prior art, alone or in combination, does not teach or fairly suggest a data guide identifying types of data transmitted on multiple channels of a digital

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broadcast signal and the channels on which the identified types of data are available. As for the most pertinent prior art of record, the Schneidewend et al (USPN 6,182,287) reference teaches a service guide that discloses various services that are available and the data associated with the corresponding service. However, the services available do not all originate from a digital broadcast signal, some of the services such as the television networks and the radio station show a channel number in the guide with corresponding data listed, other services are listed with no channel number (see Fig. 4). Also, the list of favorites does not disclose a channel number with the identified types of data listed except for the television and satellite channels, but these are separate broadcast signals and not multiple channels of a digital broadcast signal (see Fig. 4). In the applicant's invention these features of the data guide are specifically disclosed.

As for independent claim 10, the prior art, alone or in combination, does not teach or fairly suggest a data guide summarizing types of data transmitted in a digital broadcast signal and the channels corresponding to the types of data. As for the most pertinent prior art of record, the Schneidewend et al (USPN 6,182,287) reference teaches a service guide that discloses various services that are available and the data associated with the corresponding service. However, the services available do not all originate from a digital broadcast signal, some of the services such as the television networks and the radio station show a channel number in the guide with corresponding data listed, other services are listed with no channel number (see Fig. 4). Also, the list of favorites does not disclose a channel number with the identified types of data listed except for the television and satellite channels, but these are separate broadcast signals and not multiple channels of a digital broadcast signal (see Fig. 4). In the applicant's invention these features of the data guide are specifically disclosed.

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As for independent claim 18, the prior art, alone or in combination, does not teach or fairly suggest receiving a digital broadcast signal, detecting types of data transmitted within the at least one data packet and channels on which the detected types of data are available and displaying the detected types of data and the channels on which the detected types of data are available. As for the most pertinent prior art of record, the Schneidewend et al (USPN 6,182,287) reference teaches a service guide that discloses various services that are available and the data associated with the corresponding service. However, the services available do not all originate from a digital broadcast signal, some of the services such as the television networks and the radio station show a channel number in the guide with corresponding data listed, other services are listed with no channel number (see Fig. 4). Also, the list of favorites does not disclose a channel number with the identified types of data listed except for the television and satellite channels, but these are separate broadcast signals and not multiple channels of a digital broadcast signal (see Fig. 4). In the applicant's invention these features of the data guide are specifically disclosed.

As for independent claim 22, the prior art, alone or in combination, does not teach or fairly suggest a data guide containing a list of the types of data receivable by the digital program receiver and the corresponding RF channels in which the data is present. As for the most pertinent prior art of record, the Schneidewend et al (USPN 6,182,287) reference teaches a service guide that discloses various services that are available and the data associated with the corresponding service. However, the services available do not all originate from a digital broadcast signal, some of the services such as the television networks and the radio station show a channel number in the guide with corresponding data listed, other services are listed with no

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RF channel number (see Fig. 4). Also, the list of favorites does not disclose a RF channel number with the identified types of data listed except for the television and satellite channels, but these are separate broadcast signals and not multiple channels of a digital broadcast signal (see Fig. 4). The Klosterman et al (USPN 5,940,073) discloses a program schedule guide with channel names and a channel with a web-site link as shown in Fig. 6(b). However the Klosterman et al patent does not disclose the corresponding RF channels in the program guide. In the applicant's invention these features of the data guide are specifically disclosed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael W. Hoyer whose telephone number is (703) 305-6954. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Miller, can be reached at (703) 305-4795.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding
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Michael W. Hoyer
April 16, 2003


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